

Pappas Telecasting Companies are donating \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates in California and maybe other areas. This is an example of the abuse with which some powerful media groups are abusing its privileged access to the public airwaves.

As a mean to protect our democracy, use of public airwaves should be fair and impartial. The public needs to be exposed to different views and opinions that enhance the ability to make sound judgment and stimulate critical thinking.

Pappas uses the public airwaves free of charge and is obligated by law to serve the public interest. Pappas' actions are legally questionable and cast doubt on whether Pappas truly intends to serve the public interest. Their actions show why we need to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Further, they show why the license renewal process needs to involve more than just a returned postcard. Thank you.